

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 11121 021851Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-07 TRSE-00 /089 W

-----048793 030151Z /63

R 021650Z AUG 77

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 521

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USINT BAGHDAD

USMISSION SINAI

USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 11121

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, UR, EG

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR ON ME EVENTS

REF: MOSCOW 9614

SUMMARY: DURING AUG. 1 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR FAROUK SHELBAYA CATEGORIZED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOVIET COMMENT ON EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT AS "MILD", BUT SAID THAT, NONETHELESS, SOVIETS AND EGYPTIANS HAD EXCHANGED SIMULTANEOUS PROTESTS ON SUBJECT IN MOSCOW AND CAIRO ON JULY 25. END SUMMARY

.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 11121 021851Z

1. DURING AUG. 1 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS, EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR FAROUK SHELBAYA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- EGYPTIAN EMBASSY'S "PROFESSIONAL" ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REACTION TO EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN HOSTILITIES WAS THAT IT WAS "MILD", PERHAPS DUE TO A SOVIET DESIRE TO KEEP

OPEN OPTIONS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS;

-- NONETHELESS, CAIRO HAD TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF SOVIET STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS AND HAD CALLED IN SOVIETS ON JULY 25 TO PROTEST SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO ARAB COUNTRIES, SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP IN LIBYA, AND SOVIET MEDIA TREATMENT OF SITUATION. ON SAME DAY SOVIETS CALLED IN EGYPTIAN AMB AND PROTESTED EGYPTIAN WORDS AND DEEDS WITH REGARD TO LIBYA;

-- FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WERE AT STANDSTILL. ONE OF THESE REASONS WAS THAT SADAT HAD CATEGORICALLY REJECTED A RECENT AND UNEXPECTED SOVIET DEMAND THAT JOINT POLITICAL COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL), DRAFTS OF WHICH HAD BEEN EXCHANGED DURING FAHMI VISIT TO MOSCOW, BE SUBMITTED TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICATION;

-- EGYPTIAN EMBASSY (PRESUMABLY AMB ABUZEID) HAD BEEN TOLD AT "HIGHEST LEVEL" OF SOVIET SKEPTICISM OVER THE REALISTIC PROSPECTS FOR RECONVOCAION OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

2. COMMENT: ASKED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON "HIGHEST LEVEL" SOURCE CITED ABOVE, SHELBAYA WOULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS SOMEONE AT POLITBURO LEVEL, BUT HE REEMPHASIZED THE DEFINITIVE NATURE OF THIS EXPRESSION OF SOVIET SKEPTICISM.

TOON

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 11121 021851Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MOSCOW11121
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770277-0494
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197708106/aaaadmnb.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f7e09e4f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MOSCOW 9614
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1419846
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR ON ME EVENTS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, UR, LY, EG, (SHEL BAYA, FAROUK)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f7e09e4f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009